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Former committee chairman Louis B. Stokes commemorated the 1 thirteenth anniversary of King' assassination with appropriate modesty in the April 1981 issue of Ebony."I told my staff," he wrote, "that no stone was to be left unturned in an uncompromising search for t e truth."

Theseare the minds of word he could have read in countless FBI record, if he read those records.

Stokes also gave Ebony's readers a forthright description of the committee's investigation of the assassination: "We not only investigated the movements of James Earl Ray and persons associated with him; we also investigated reports and rumors that the FBI or some public agency or secret group was involved in the assassination."

In this unintended honesty Stoke revealed the preconcpetion that coincides precisely with J. Edgar Hoover's instant vision, that Ray was the assassin. Like Hoover, Stokes saw to it that there was no investigation of the crime. There was only the effort to make it appear that Ray was the assassin. Like Hoover, Stokes saw to it that only the least credible allegations of a conspiracy were looked into, and of these, only those involving Ray as the assassin.

Stokes' article is a tired rehash of the FBI's solution, as was his committee's. Neither Stokes nor the committee's report said anything else, except for the irrelevancies with which the FBI booby-trapped the committee. Tnecommittee grasped greedily at the glittering trash the FBI scattered to take its eye and attention. Thismfool's gold was the committee's treasure.

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